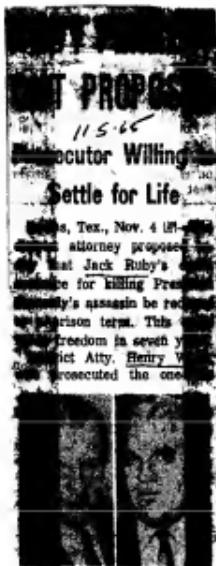


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The attached news article was taken from the CHICAGO TRIBUNE dated 5 November, 1965.

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Ruby (left) and Wade  
Ruby operator, said he had been "inclined to recommend" a sentence of life in prison. Wade said the defense would instead ask for a five-year sentence.

*Story's Verdict Was "Balky"*  
There is no way a criminal can be kept behind bars for life provided he has a spotless prison record.

A convict can apply for parole in 15 years or after serving a third of his sentence, whichever is less.

Gentle conduct, appointment as a trustee, and donating blood can reduce the 15-year maximum for parole application to as few as seven years.

Arbery assessed a sentence of death in the electric chair against Ruby for killing Lee Harvey Oswald two days after Oswald assassinated Kennedy in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

Execution has been delayed by numerous complex appeals.

#### *One Wants New Trial*

Wade said, "One of their attorneys—Mr. Sol Dann of Detroit—wants to hold out for a five-year sentence."

"We do not feel this would be a proper punishment. The punishment should be at least life imprisonment."

Another Ruby lawyer, Phil Burris of Dallas, indicated the defense is not interested in an agreement with the district attorney because, he says, there are enough errors in the original trial for Ruby to receive another trial.

The district attorney said the responsibility for asking a com-

mittee to review the case rests with the defense.

The request would be made to the Texas board of pardons and paroles. The board would make a recommendation to Gov. John Connally, himself wounded by Oswald.

"If they [Ruby's lawyers] apply for a life sentence, we would join with them in recommending a life sentence," Wade said. He said that under those circumstances "there would be an excellent chance" that a life term would be granted.

#### *Comment by Judge*

"There are still a lot of unanswered questions," said Wade. "There is an advantage to keeping Ruby alive for interviews and historical purposes."

District Judge Joe B. Brown Jr., who presided at the trial, said some time ago that he believes Ruby will not be executed.

"After all," Brown said, "we are talking about the man who killed the man who killed President Kennedy."

Ruby has remained in the Dallas county jail since he shot Oswald Nov. 24, 1963, in a basement corridor of City hall on a routine jail transfer. He has made brief trips to a psychiatrist and a few court appearances.

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